

ASI Children's Center Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Minutes

MEETING DATE: November 8, 2021 at 12 pm

MEETING LOCATION: Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sherry Velte, Sandra Gallardo, Faith Soltero, Haley Myers Dillon, Theresa Gropp, Katie Swedo (Chair), Brook Murray, Bena Arao, Lexi Hallum

VISITORS:

A. Call Meeting to Order & Approve October Minutes

- The meeting was called to order by Katie Swedo at 12:02 pm
- The October minutes were unanimously approved by PAC members present

B. Current Center Updates

1. Current Operations

- Sherry Velte will loosen the guidelines for siblings during COVID
- If the child's symptom is just a cough/running nose, then it is a case-by-case basis with Sherry Velte on whether or not their sibling must also stay home

2. Developmental Assessments on Children

- These assessments are completed in the first 60 days of each semester for each child; they monitor the children's development
- The assessment turns into a classroom summary which leads to an action plan

3. Environmental Rating Assessments

- Teacher Mariah and Teacher Dana performed a self-assessment of all classrooms
 - This includes a 3 hour observation of child/teacher interactions and classroom assessments
 - After completion, classrooms can create a plan of action to increase the scores of certain areas

4. Language Facilitation Assessments

- Teacher Mariah is an infant CLASS assessor; Teacher Mady is a preschool CLASS assessor
- They rate the quality of interaction with children and see how effective methods are

5. COVID Booster Clinic

- A Booster Clinic will be held on Friday, November 12, 2021 to assist with the center's staffing concerns as the clinics were originally set to Thursday only

6. Sacramento County Raising Quality Together

- **Teaching Pyramid** – This program focuses on social emotional curriculum and development; these techniques are used within center to help with developmental progress
- There are 3 teachers participating: Mariah, Cierra, and Mady; one teacher from each age group

7. Center Building Renovation

- **Complete epoxy flooring in kitchen**

- There is an in-person food audit in March 2022; the center must re-epoxy the flooring of the kitchen. This is a several day process (11/11-11/12); we cannot cook inside of kitchen on Friday but will prepare food ahead of time.
- **Call out to repair new flooring in Bambini 2**
 - The flooring in Bambini 2 has begun to buckle; it has already been checked by plumbers
 - Sherry has a request in to repair it
- 8. Egress and Sidewalk**
 - The egress and sidewalk project behind the center is still in progress
- 9. NAEYC**
 - Self-assessments will help prepare for NAEYC assessment
 - NAEYC is several weeks behind in assessments; no word on accreditation status
- 10. Garrett Malitz's last day is today (11/8)**
 - Mariah Russell will take over in place for Bambini 2 as the Head Teacher

C. Open Discussion

- **Harvest Fun**
 - Closed Thursday, November 11 for Veteran's Day
 - The end of October brought Spirit Week and Harvest Week
 - Children dressed up according to days such as; crazy hair day, rainbow day, and pajama day.
- **Future Budget**
 - Minimum wage is increasing which impacts each professional level as they have to bump up pay (compression issue)
 - In a future meeting, PAC will discuss raising tuition as child care costs are increasing
 - State is raising the cost of reimbursements

Adjourned at 12:45 pm
Next Meeting: December 6, 2021